

acquisition, disposition, or construction for telecommunications systems requirements.

- h. Provide a periodic inventory of telecommunications costs, facilities, systems, and personnel within State agencies.
- i. Promote, coordinate, and assist in the design and engineering of emergency telecommunications systems, including but not limited to the 911 emergency telephone number program, Emergency Medical Services, and other emergency telecommunications services.
- j. Perform frequency coordination and management for State agencies and local governments, including all public safety radio service frequencies, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission or any successor federal agency.
- k. Advise all State agencies on telecommunications management planning and related matters and provide through the State Personnel Training Center or the State Information Processing Services Division of Information Technology Services training to users within State agencies in telecommunications technology and systems.
- l. Assist and coordinate the development of policies and long-range plans, consistent with the protection of citizens' rights to privacy and access to information, for the acquisition and use of telecommunications systems; and base such policies and plans on current information about State telecommunications activities in relation to the full range of emerging technologies.
- m. Work cooperatively with the North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications in furthering the purpose of this subdivision.

The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the Criminal Information Division of the Department of Justice or to the Judicial Information System in the Judicial Department."

Section 5. G.S. 143B-472.41(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Powers and Duties. -- The Commission has the following powers and duties:

- (1) To develop, approve, and publish a statewide information technology strategy covering the current and following biennium that shall be updated annually and shall be submitted to the General Assembly on the first day of each regular session.
- (2) To develop, approve, and sponsor statewide technology initiatives and to report on those initiatives in the annual update of the statewide information technology strategy.